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Operational activities for development

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled: "Operational activities for development" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 10th, 11th and 34th meetings, on 9 and 11 October and 15 November 2000. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/55/SR.10, 11 and 34). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 7th meetings, on 2, 3 and 5 October (see A/C.2/55/SR.3-7).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/55/271);

(b) Letter dated 5 May 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly, transmitting the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the South Summit of the Group of 77, held at Havana from 10 to 14 April 2000 (A/55/74);

(c) Letter dated 28 June 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Egypt and Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the joint communiqué of the Tenth Summit of the Group of Fifteen, held at Cairo on 19 and 20 June 2000 (A/55/139-E/2000/93);

(d) Letter dated 1 August 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-

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General, transmitting the communiqué Okinawa 2000 adopted by the Group of Eight on 23 July 2000 (A/55/257-S/2000/766);

(e) Letter dated 24 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Beijing Declaration of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and the Programme for China-Africa Cooperation in Economic and Social Development (A/C.2/55/9).

4. At the 10th meeting, on 9 October, an introductory statement was made by the Deputy-Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (see A/C.2/55/SR.10).

II. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

5. At its 34th meeting, on 15 November, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (see A/55/271) (see para. 7).

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), made a statement (see A/C.2/55/SR.34).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

The General Assembly takes note of the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (see A/55/271).